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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SITUATION IN TURKEY.

LONDON, December 18th.

It is reported that the situation in Turkey is becoming worse. The Cabinet is much influenced by the Nationalists, with the result that the Provinces are becoming increasingly independent. Anti-British feeling is growing.

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS.

LONDON, December 18th.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Sir Auckland Geddes stated that the Government had appealed against the Sankey judgment in the case mentioned yesterday.

Early next session, the Government would submit legislation on the lines of the Anti-Dumping Bill. Meanwhile the Customs had been instructed to allow the importation of all articles affected.

LONDON, December 19th.

Mr. Justice Sankey's decision was on a test case by the Manchester chemical manufacturers for the seizure of a consignment of pyrogallic acid. An embargo proclamation was made in June, but the restrictions were withdrawn on September 1st, except as regards materials for key industries. It is the latter which are now declared illegal.

If Mr. Justice Sankey's decision is upheld by the House of Lords, it will be necessary to introduce a Bill in 1920 indemnifying the Government seizures of goods under proclamation. The decision has delighted the Free Traders.

Sir John Simon, interviewed, said that the whole embargo system had been blown sky-high.

A CHURCH AMALGAMATION.

LONDON, December 18th.

A Special Commission of the General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland decided, in Edinburgh, yesterday, to approach the Government as regards legislation necessary for the union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church.

THE WAR ON BOLSHEVISM.

LONDON, December 18th.

A semi-official statement says that the Bolsheviki are concentrating their troops east of Narovo for their impending offensive.

It is stated that amongst the peace terms submitted by the Soviet to the Baltic States was the breaking off of relations with all States warring with the Soviet and the expulsion of foreign warships from the Northern Baltic.

The Red advance in South Russia has averaged 50 miles in the past week. They are advancing in East Russia unchecked. The Bolsheviks claim to have captured Novonikolaiev, and taken 50 men and 52 guns.

THE "RIVER CLYDE."

LONDON, December 18th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Earl Winterton, Mr. Lloyd George said that the famous steamer *River Clyde* was lying in Malta very badly damaged. The Government had decided that the enormous expense of repairing her and bringing her to England was unjustifiable. He promised to consider the question of preserving her at Malta as a national relic.

AUSTRIA.

PARIS, December 18th.

The Supreme Council has informed Dr. Renner that in view of the agitation in Vorarlberg, Salzburg and the Tyrol for self-determination, the Allies will oppose any attempt, contrary to the St. Germain Treaty, to compromise the political or economic independence of Austria.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, December 18th.

The Prince of Wales was accorded a great reception in the City this morning, when he went to the Guildhall to receive an address of congratulation on the success of his visit to Canada and the United States. Large crowds cheered the Prince as he drove through the beflagged streets from York House.

The Guildhall was crowded with a large and distinguished gathering, including several Royalties, Lord and Lady Haig, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, Lord Curzon, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Chamberlain and other members of the Government, Mr. and Mrs. Asquith, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the High Commissioner of Canada and the American Ambassador.

At the Guildhall, the Recorder read an Address congratulating the Prince on having, by his unremitting efforts, natural dignity and courtesy, greatly strengthened the ties binding Canada and Britain in loyal attachment to the throne and the Empire, and establishing a new bond of friendship between Britons and Americans.

The Prince, who was cheered loudly and long, said he was deeply grateful for the very cordial welcome, and the congratulations, which latter were far too warm.

He paid a tribute to the Dominions' splendid part in the war. His mission to Canada and the United States had been undertaken with the keenest pleasure, and the warmth of his welcome in Newfoundland had followed him all through the tour.

He had also greatly enjoyed his first visit to the United States and deeply appreciated the cordiality with which he was entertained at Washington and New York.

The Prince subsequently had lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SINN FEINERS ACTIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A raid on Cork station was carried out at midnight by two hundred armed and disciplined Sinn Feiners, within two hundred yards of Police Headquarters. On a whistle signal the raiders took up their allotted positions, locked up the signalmen, shunters, drivers and clerks and occupied the station for an hour, searching for an expected consignment of arms to the military. There have been no arrests.

A NEW STEEL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The *Daily Mail* says that Doctor Arnold, Professor of Metallurgy at Sheffield University, has discovered a new steel unrivalled in hardness and with cutting powers far beyond all existing qualities of highspeed steel.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, WANCHAI.

CHOIR FESTIVAL.

The large congregation who attended the Wanchai Church on Sunday last were rewarded by listening to a well rendered series of sacred numbers.

The Rev. C. A. Gimblett, M.A., chose for his text, the words of St. Paul "Sing with melody to the Lord with your hearts" and pointed out the importance of music in connection with praise to Almighty God. Those who listened must have been impressed by the Rev. gentleman's discourse on the essential part music, both vocal and instrumental, played in the Church. Miss Hearl sang "O Divine Redeemer," nicely but lacked power for such a composition. We hope to hear more from this lady in the future.

Miss Hansen rendered with her sweet melodious voice "One sweetly solemn thought" with excellent taste and perfect pitch. Her breathing and phrasing were somewhat faulty in places which affected pure intonation.

Miss G. Brock and Mr. Davis sang "Love Divine" sweetly and acceptably. The duet would have been improved had Mr. Davis refrained from the use of the portomento when endeavouring to reach a note which was beyond his register. The same fault was pronounced in Mr. Davis' duet with Mr. Jones, viz. "Thou liftest Thy Divine Petition" from Stainer's Crucifixion. Mr. Jones' sonorous bass in this was worthy of heavier work. The duet however would have been improved by a slightly quicker tempo.

Mr. E. T. Crocker sang "O God have mercy" in a declamatory fashion but omitted Mendelssohn's delightful light and shade. Such pieces require more delicate treatment.

The augmented choir, which was beautifully balanced rendered "Ye shall dwell in the land" with good taste and ensemble. The Soloists in this were Miss N. Williams and Mr. Hamer. Miss N. Williams who sang very creditably requires more practice and experience in voice production and enunciation. Mr. Hamer was in excellent form.

It was regretted that Mrs. Brown was unavoidably absent.

Mr. F. W. H. Wain, Organist and Choirmaster, officiated at the organ throughout and is to be congratulated on the success of the service. Besides sympathetically accompanying each number he played in fine style "Allegro Moderato"—*Felix Thorel* during the offertory and "Marche Triomphale"—Arthur W. Marchant. He is worthy of a better instrument. A collection was taken on behalf of Choir Funds.

The augmented Choir consisted of: Mesdames Bentley, Hamer, Ling, Stubbings and Dawson. Misses Hansen, Brock, Williams, N. Williams and Hearl, and Messrs. Hamer, Haskett, Edmonds, Ling, Piercy, Crocker, Davis, Jones, Roberts, Dawson, Craddock and Lewis. The Choirmaster is desirous of thanking all who assisted in making the Choir Festival such a success.

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KINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET.

A screen classic that critics have placed in the same category with "The Birth of a Nation" and "Hearts of the World," has been produced under the title of "The Hearts of Humanity" and will be exhibited at the "Coronet" tomorrow with Dorothy Phillips in the principal role.

"The Heart of Humanity" is a history of woman's part in the great war and the bravery of the Red Cross in working under the very mouths of German guns.

The supporting cast of "The Heart of Humanity" includes William Stowell, Robert Anderson, Pat O'Malley, Margaret Mann, Walt Whitman, Gloria Joy and others.

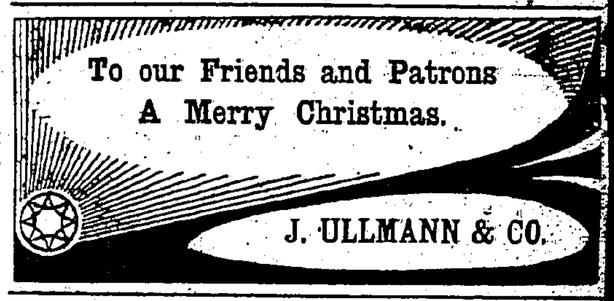
At the Diocesan School this morning Mr. H. Sykes, a very popular master, was presented with a pair of carved ivory tusks and a carved ivory ball on a pedestal by the scholars of classes 1 and 2. This is the last Christmas Mr. Sykes will spend in the school as it is expected he will retire at the end of the term. The gifts were intended by the boys to show their appreciation and gratitude for his work among them.

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J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1919.

NOTICE.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 1919.

S. J. CLAYE,

OUR GOOD TEACHER.

MR. LÜ CHE PO, an experienced teacher, who has been teaching in the DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL for a period of nearly 15 years, has now resigned his post, with the intention of going into the commercial world. During the time, when Mr. Lü was at School, he had done very good work for the School. Numerous boys, who had been taught by him, received much kindness and care from him in their studies. Now, Mr. Lü is going to leave us on January 1st. We are very sorry to lose him. We can hardly find means to express our thankfulness to him, but the only thing we can do for him, is to publish a few words to show our deepest gratitude, and wish him every success in his future career.

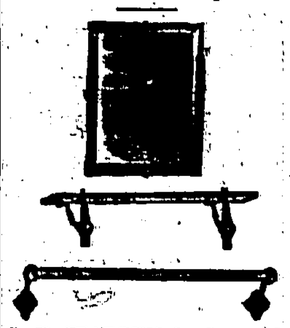
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TERRIBLE FIRE IN SHANGHAI.

BIG COTTON MILL DESTROYED.

The *N.C. Daily News* of Dec. 16 gives the following account of the fire reported in our special telegrams:

Exactly to what extent life was lost in the big fire which occurred yesterday morning in Chapei, when a cotton mill was burned down and a flour mill seriously endangered, is not at present ascertainable, and, indeed may never be, but it is commonly reported that a large number of people were killed, the estimates varying from 15 to 50. It is only fair to the management of the cotton mill to state that they deny any loss of life and it is thought that whatever happens there can never be any actual proof as to the number of casualties, if any. The fire is reported to have broken out shortly after 2 a.m. yesterday; it is alleged that a short circuit occurred while the mill was running and started the fire, which spread rapidly amongst the loose cotton and, it is said, trapped 15 men at least in the room in which it started. It is alleged that these men have been killed. The fire was noticed from the Sinza Watch Tower at 2.37 a.m. in the direction of Ichang and Gordon Roads and the Sinza Division turned out. Quickly afterwards the Central Watch Tower also reported the glare, and practically simultaneously with the Sinza Division a section of Central also made off for the fire which was then seen to be of serious dimensions.

A HAZARDOUS SPOT.

On arrival at the junction of Markham and Gordon Roads it was found that the fire was a bad one and was located in one of the most hazardous blocks of buildings known locally, across the Soochow Creek in Chapei. It involved the Pao Foong Cotton Mill and the Yue Foon Flour Mill together with other buildings covering an area approximately 750ft. by 350ft. A large two-storeyed spinning section, known as section "D" was a mass of flames from top to bottom, with the floors and lightly built roof already falling in. The flames had jumped across the intervening spaces and had attacked "A," "B" and "C," the weaving shed, scutching room and an additional weaving shed respectively. Helped by a stiff north-easterly breeze the fire was spreading with such rapidity that it had practically reached the end of the sheds adjacent to the flour mill and godowns and with the exception of these the conflagration had involved practically the whole of the heart of the block.

Sinza Division ran a line across the creek and a jet was taken over the boundary wall to protect a godown, the windows of which had just been caught, another was run round to the east side to cut off the fire in that direction, while other men were engaged around the fire generally using the mill hydrants, with particular regard to godown "G" the contents of which were reported as being worth two lakhs. In the meantime the Central Division had crossed the creek and had laid on 2,000ft. of hose from a Chapei hydrant, and, though the pressure obtained was none too good, were able to work right to the top of the flour mill and prevent the fire obtaining a hold there. The Settlement Brigade were working under considerable disadvantage, and the Chapei Brigade were even worse handicapped for they had no engines to augment the pressure from the mains, but the brigades as the result of very strenuous work eventually confined the fire.

DANGEROUS WORK.

The scene at the height of the fire was wonderful but awesome and the danger great as heavy machinery came crashing through the floors weakened by the fire. Flames were forced out through the bottom windows by the pressure set up by the falling machinery and quite a number of men were scorched. Flaming cotton was being blown about by the breeze while a perfect shower of sparks was falling upon the adjacent buildings. Assistance was also given by the fire float, the Fire King, which was placed on the Chapei side of the creek and by pumping considerably increased the effectiveness of the jets.

The Brigade was faced with an almost superhuman task and until the arrival of the fire float were putting up what was a gradually losing fight, but with the assistance of the Fire King they were able eventually to surround the fire and check in every direction which was one of the most serious and most difficult that the Brigade have had to deal with for some considerable time past.

ESTIMATED DAMAGE TLS. 500,000.

In the result seven of the buildings were completely gutted with the exception of the main boiler room which had been protected from the beginning, though the roof was burned off. The press packing shed was also gutted, while three one-storeyed sheds, workshops and two godowns were saved practically undamaged. The flour mill and buildings were also saved as were also two hongs and a number of other buildings in the compound.

Various estimates are given of the damage and it is generally reckoned that Tls. 500,000 worth of property was destroyed, the greater part of which was not covered by insurance. The Brigade have to be congratulated on a remarkably fine piece of work, for without their efforts the flames would have been spread by the wind and damage would have been done to a very much greater extent.

"WALLA WALLA" Launches at Blake Pier. Night and day service.

LIFEBOAT UNFIT FOR SEA.

STRANGE STORY OF CHANNEL GALE.

A correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* writing from Ramsgate says:

Failure of the Ramsgate lifeboat to take part in the attempts to rescue the crews of the three vessels which were blown on to the Goodwin sands during the great Channel gale has caused some comment here.

Members of the lifeboat crew tell me that when the first of the vessels went ashore, and distress signals shown by the East Goodwin lightship and the Gull lightship were seen from the harbour, just after 10 o'clock on Saturday night, the full crew at once assembled and manned their boat.

Before they could get away Captain F. Symonds, local secretary of the National Lifeboat Institution and harbour master at Ramsgate, appeared on the scene and stopped departure, on the ground that the boat was not fit for sea, in consequence of damage done to it during the rescue of the crew of the Danish schooner Svenin.

In the hope that the decision would be revoked, the men stayed in their boat in the harbour all night. They were still there when daylight came, and with the naked eye they could see men clinging to the rigging of two of the boats on the Goodwin Sands.

Some of the lifeboatmen were then in favour of putting out, despite the definite order not to do so, but were restrained by the intimation that if they did their names would be struck off the official roll of the institution.

CAPTAIN SYMONDS'S STATEMENT.

Further conversation revealed that, three days after the damage to the boat, the craft was surveyed by a representative of the institution, and on his opinion Captain Symonds based his decision that she was not fit to venture out of the harbour.

"The men were brave enough," said Captain Symonds, "and were quite willing to go out, but they would have been risking their lives to do so. The gunwale was badly damaged and there were holes in our tanks."

Captain Symonds added that the National Lifeboat Institution inspector visited Ramsgate on Friday. "He instructed me," he said, "that the life boat was not fit to go to sea on account of the damage sustained, and I therefore ordered the coxswain not to leave the harbour on Saturday night."

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

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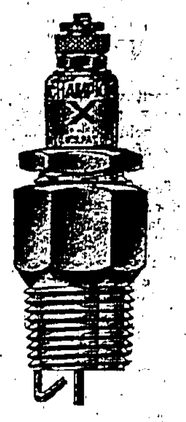
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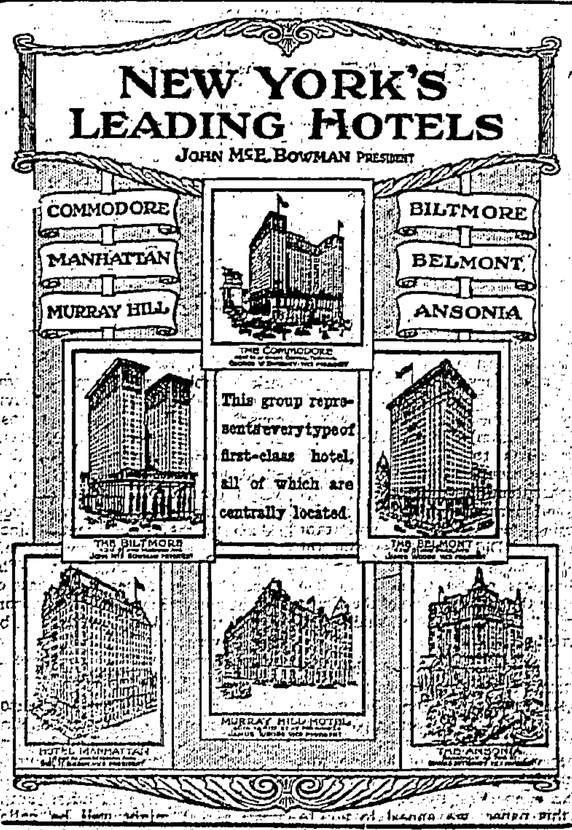
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The two stupidest nations!

No! Not Russia and Germany!

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Now, what do you think about that? You don't believe it? They are the most enlightened nations?

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In some things, yes! In one great vital essential of these vital times, no!

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MEDIÆVAL MICROBES.

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The advice from Paris that Dr. Galippe has found active micro-organisms in Egyptian papyri and mediæval MSS., and upon this bases an assumption that microbes may live for 2,000 years, meets with some scepticism in English bacteriological circles.

A *Daily Chronicle* representative who called at a Harley-street pathological laboratory was informed that to deny the possibility of disease being carried through hundreds of years by microbes actually living all that time would be unwise, but completer details of Dr. Galippe's experiments would have to be considered before a serious criticism of the suggestion could be made.

"It seems certain that the microbes which Dr. Galippe found were what are known as spore bearing.

"Microbes of this type can disintegrate themselves, but leave behind a spore capable of resisting extraordinary attack.

"Some can live through a low freezing temperature; others can be boiled, and yet the spores remain vital. On the other hand there are microbes, like that which causes tuberculosis, which die on exposure to sunlight and air.

"The suggestion that plague might recur is always a possibility.

"It is not certain now whether the Plague of London was the bubonic plague which is still brought to England by ships from foreign ports, and it is a fact that since the war there have been a number of cases treated in London hospitals.

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"CONTEMPT OF COURT."

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To any man who suggests ...our devotion to justice is not ...ne and sincere, we flatly give ...e. It is in the interests of ..., as we see it, that ...ve referred frequently to the ...r appearance of too many ...ong magisterial decisions. In ...sting that the Cadet system is ...satisfactory way of providing ...tent magistrates, to whose ... we commit all our liberties, ...nceive that we are trying to ...ustice, trying to get it. Very ... comments have been made ...hat they are pleased to call, ...bvious irony, "Hongkong ..." by journals outside the ...tion. It would appear mon... to a disinterested and reason... that a journal on the spot, ...ed of local knowledge, and ...with a duty to local society, ...be condemned to silence in a ...so important to the com... If, in the exercise of what ...e honestly believed to be our ...e have trespassed against the ...t is a misfortune, but we ...dmit that it was a sin or a ...t is without the least irreve... we point out that the ranc... authorities against Jesus ...caused by anything He ...t God, but was most keen ...He made an indiscreet re... ...ut the Temple, that it could ...down and rebuilt in three ...e thoughtful reader who ponders this awesome parallel will possess more firmly and clearly the point we wish to make, and the distinction we draw, than if we were to write columns of laboured explanation. The *China Mail* has not offended God; it has merely belittled the Temple. It has not sinned against justice; it has committed "contempt of court," a technical offence that the exceptional circumstances seemed to make unavoidable.

Contempt of court by newspapers, in all the cases we have heard of, has usually consisted of prejudice *against* an untried accused. We may add that they occur regularly in this Colony in all the other papers, in headlines, and in preliminary information given to the reporters by the police. Who bothers about the presumptive innocence of a poor Chinese, except the *China Mail*? In our case the "contempt" was a prejudice (if it was a prejudice) in favour of the accused person. It is necessary to emphasise the fact that the Crown, in entering a *nolle prosequi* in his case, must have agreed with the *China Mail* view of the matter. In doing so, the Crown disagreed with its own magistrate. Finding itself in agreement with the *China Mail* seems to have shocked it. It prosecuted the *China Mail* for expressing first an opinion it was itself not much later to express by its own act. The suggestion that we could possibly prejudice the prosecution, that is to say, influence an official of the Crown, is one that we should never have had the presumptuousness to make. Powerful as we are, we never claimed so much power as that. No, The *China Mail* was charged with prejudicing the trial of a certain case, a case which did not come on and never will come on. It is (to us) a significant fact that while our case was being heard, two or three days after that *nolle prosequi* had been entered, no mention of it was made by the Crown until our counsel, accidentally learning that it was so, elicited the fact from them. The view we take of that is that it was unfair to the accused Chinese. The charge against him had been made public. The *nolle prosequi*, which at least rehabilitated him as a respectable citizen (for a charge not proceeded with does not count) was not made public voluntarily and as a matter of urgency by the Crown. We consider that unfair to the Chinese.

Most plain men (who perhaps attach more weight than it deserves to Baron Bramwell's famous saying that "anything which is not plain sense is probably not good law") felt that the moment the *nolle prosequi* was revealed the proceedings against us should have been dropped.

Perhaps it is as well here to mention that in "contempt of court" proceedings there can be none of that German nonsense of *lese majeste*. "The object of the discipline enforced by the Court by proceedings for contempt is not now, if it ever was, to vindicate the personal dignity of the judges, or to protect them from insult as individuals, but to vindicate the dignity and authority of the court itself (i.e. of justice and the law) and to prevent acts tending to obstruct the due course of justice." The same author goes on make the singularly appropriate remark that "there has been a disposition by judges in colonial courts to use the process of the court to punish criticisms on their acts *which the privy council has been prone to discourage*." Unfortunately, we cannot afford to take this case to the Privy Council. We say that is unfortunate for the public we serve, and for the freedom of a respectable Press.

We are entitled now that our case is over to say that we do not think the decision of the judges was either legally or morally right, and to add our opinion (for what it is worth) that it would be upset on appeal. We are advised that we have the right (a right established by our forefathers, and inculcated in us) to make "with fairness, good faith, candour and decency, comments and criticisms on what passed at the trial, and on the correctness of the judgment." Very well. In good faith, candidly, and in terms the decency of which we trust will be admitted, we say that this judgment was not correct.

There, *so far as Hongkong is concerned*, we propose to leave the matter. We hope, quite naturally, that the public will stand by us and give us its support, if for our public spirited attitude we are to be handicapped by any more prosecutions and fines.

ADVERSARIA.

ASTRONOMY. Lo! We have like a true suburban seeker after "cultshaw" read Sir Robert Ball, and forgotten all we read. Behold! We have read Proctor on the moon, and forgotten all he said. We have read a history of astronomy, and retained scarcely more than a name or two, and peradventure a fact. But aha! We have been out many nights the nightlong, and we have seen stars. There is some sort of machine in the grinning box of bone we hide with hat, meat, and whiskers, a machine (for we are "not as other men") which Works. It worked when we read some notes on Mr. Maconachie's lecture on the planets. It worked this way.

WHO BEGAN IT? The rev. gentleman ended, we notice, by deploring the fact that people stayed up all night last week "listening for the crash" of the end of the world. Perhaps they were afraid they might miss it if they went to sleep. He "hoped a long time would elapse before we had such an exhibition of silliness again." H'm. Please tell us if we err as to fact; but it is our present impression that but for the Rev. gentleman himself Hongkong would not have heard of the gloomy prognosticator in America. He himself certainly increased the publicity by referring to the forecast, and announcing that he did not think it was justified. In a community like ours, where superstition and ignorance swing together like the Gemini, what else did he expect?

MARS. With regard to the so-called canals on Mars, no man with a thinking machine has ever taken those speculations and assumptions seriously. According to the reporter, Mr. Maconachie said no one professed to have seen those canals; they only saw the belts of vegetation lining them. Our sub-editor did Mr. Maconachie the justice of supposing he did not say that, and suspected it to be another instance of the reportorial genius for inaccuracy. He amended the report to read that no one had seen the canals, but only parallel lines which they assumed to be belts of vegetation indicating the presence of canals. For it is certain that no man has seen vegetation on Mars. No astronomer has admired the tops of trees tossing in the Martian breezes, nor seen the greenery of leaf and frond. As we understood it, they saw geometrical lines, and argued that human intellect (or geometrical intellect) must have been behind it. It is rotten logic. A Martian who saw a terrestrial crystal might as shrewdly argue that some man must have made it. No astronomer looking at the "Giants' Causeway" in Ireland reasons that a giant made it, yet there is more there, in the way of geometrically arranged lines, than there is to be seen on Mars. Lowell on Mars was a repetition from Paley on the "design" argument. Both astronomers and theologians now refuse both. Straight lines, even parallel straight lines, are not more miraculous than crooked, irregular lines in Nature. Look at the crooked line, what a mystery it is. It is the nature of a line to be straight. Who put the crook in it? What was the agency of its irregularity? Thus, and in other ways we don't trouble you with, the machine worked. Set your own going.

OUR CRITICS. We published a letter from "Domino Mauve" yesterday which criticised our remarks on the meaning and intention of the domino, and did not quote us quite fairly. It is true that we introduced a suggestion of democracy. That is our "King Charles' head" But our proposition was quite plainly put. It was that the domino and mask are ostensibly to disguise the identity of the wearer, and that those promoters who arranged means with their friends to recognize each other at a masked and domino ball were not playing the game. The domino is a gown "used as a disguise at masquerades." If it doesn't disguise it isn't a domino, and has no proper place at a domino ball. We fear we must insist that this particular critic, in so far as he seems to challenge the logic of our paragram, is "wrong-headed." As a matter of fact, we can appreciate his idea that the dominos were worn "for fun," without bothering too much about whether the disguise was effectual or not. He means that it was regarded as a cheap form of "fancy dress." That, of course, is another thing altogether.

ANOTHER. Another, who does not write for publication, says "you certainly do make your readers think sometimes. When you remarked yesterday, about Christian Science, that you visited a sick camellia, etc., we got you. You were thinking of Oscar Wilde and his sick primrose, that he sat up all night with. But I and the Mess are puzzled by the statement that you went for a walk with Trotski. We give it up. What was the joke, or allusion, or whatever it was?" Tut-tut. That wasn't a joke; it was absent-mindedness. Trotski is a small pet that looks like a Teddy-bear, and that we are keeping, in the interests of science, to see if it turns into a dog.

THE "YELLOW DRAGON." This dragon is a sort of phœnix. The little monthly organ of Queen's College has occasionally been as tame as a newt. We have known it to breathe fire like an honest dragon. We have no hesitation in describing the December number as the most interesting we have seen. As soon as the present pressure on our space relaxes, we mean to quote largely.

THE PAPER THAT GETS THINGS DONE. When we wrote the other day a rejoicing note on the announcement that conscription was to go, we "played the game." We put in a word for the volunteer movement that must follow, and we took the liberty of asking the authorities to make volunteer soldiering as little irksome as possible, and to announce their intention if they so decided. We were naturally much gratified by the G.O.C's. remarks in Council on Tuesday. In particular we call attention to the fact that he said: "I shall recommend that the number of drills be considerably reduced, and the number of days in camps." Now lads! Your last "kick" is gone. It is up to you to join and make the Volunteer system good.

POLICE MATTERS. If there is in the public of Hongkong the spirit of fair-dealing, if there are Britons here who believe in British fairplay, we appeal to that spirit now. We ask you to send us short messages, expressing a sort of vote of confidence. We do not want to publish your names, so you needn't be nervous on that score. But we have been told so often that we are Bolshevistic, and in other ways wrong in our methods, that we are beginning to believe it. We had thought at one time that we were being typically British, bold, pugnacious, devoted to sundry British principles, a little pig-headed, maybe, but sound at heart. Tell us what you think of the *China Mail*. It may hearten us for the New Year. It may teach us to amend our ways. It will at least enlighten us. Our greatly increased sales do not tell us what we want to know, because, of course, our many new customers may be buying us just to see what the devil the Devil will do next. That has been suggested.

POLICE MATTERS AGAIN. You see how in that last paragram we set out to discuss police matters and didn't reach the subject, the fascinating subject of We, Us, and Co. claiming attention. Once more let us start the appeal we had in mind. We appeal to you in these circumstances. We have the best of reasons, namely, a statement to the editor by the gentleman himself, for believing that the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone does not like "the general tone" of the *China Mail*. He gave this as his reason for withdrawing the advertising of several firms that the firm he manages represents. We confess we were mildly surprised to find a business man in the XX century letting literary aesthetics stand in the light of business (since we are now easily the most profitable advertising medium) but we had so many new advts to fill the space his business occupied that we didn't pay much attention to it at the time, beyond *murmuring to ourselves*, e'er passing on to really important things: "Did he suppose that for $50 or so a month, for which full value was returned, he could also dictate the general tone of the *China Mail*?" Absurd, we said, and carried on.

REALLY POLICE MATTERS THIS TIME. Sorry, but digressing is such fun. It makes work a pleasure. Let us have another go. In view of the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone's remark that he doesn't approve the general tone of this paper, we appeal to you to study his questions in yesterday's Council meeting, about the police troubles, and to answer this question which we shout aloud before the face of High Heaven: Were those questions not distinctively *China Maily* in tone and purport? Were they, or were they not, in short, our very own questions and our very own suggestions? [We disown, of course, the jarring Split Infinitive in the second question.] Did we ask the Government what about it? Did we suggest that this was no time to send policemen Home for a trifle of pay? Did we say the pay wasn't enough? Did we recommend a substantial increase? We certainly didn't ask for a citizen's committee because we already had it. We were a member of it. We had that committee's report. All we got from the Government was second-hand and disingenuous statements, and one perfectly unbiassed and official opinion (unsolicited) that we had published nonsense.

POLICE MATTERS IN DETAIL. Let us compare the *ex cathedra* announcements of previous days with the answer to the Hon. Mr. Johnstone's questions in Council. The public has a short memory: the *China Mail* has enough to carry on with. It was said that it wasn't really a wage question at all. Yesterday the Colonial Secretary said it was discontent over the nonpayment and uncertainty of a rise of 45 per cent. that was said to have been promised. It was formerly explained that after the war, a few discontented individuals in such a body were only to be expected. (The innuendo was plain enough—that they were "grousers," with no real grievance.) *Now* we are told that they were told, (in a spirit of sweet reasonableness being understood) that if they considered they had been brought out owing to any misrepresentation or misunderstanding, the Government was willing to send them back. We were *not* told in Council, what was published a little while ago, that the Crown Agents had blundered and sent more men than they were asked for. That's dropped, possibly because all Hongkong thinks it was a lucky blunder, in view of our present evil case. We are *now* told (and you may get what comfort from it you can) that *when* all the men applied for have arrived, and *when* all the old ones have returned from w.r, the Force *should be* in a *fair* position to deal with the increase in crime. That is an admission that we are not *now* in such a position, also (what can not be denied) that our criminals call for a full force. Yet in face of that our Government (which apparently doesn't govern but only sends recommendations to London how to govern) is talking, quite nonchalantly as far as we can see, about sending a dozen picked policemen Home again.

THEY CAN IF THEY LIKE. The Government, it seems, actually can do things. It proposed, if the Council agreed (and an official majority, naturally, knocks that proviso endways) pending the receipt of the Secretary of State's decision, to pay all European Police Constables the present maximum salary of that grade as from Jan. 1. Are we talking nonsense when we suggest that if they had said that sooner there would have been less discontent and more hope? Maskee! We've said it.

RED TAPP. The Hon. Mr. Pollock K.C. asked a useful question, a simple question that needed only a plain "yes" or "no," and then he discovered what the *China Mail* already knew, that a new stock of Red Tape has been imported, and is now ready for use. It was a supplementary question, naturally arising from the answer to the first question. His Excellency asked for notice. On a point of order, Mr. Pollock queried that, only to be told that the rules insisted on notice, and that Parliamentary procedure does not apply here. We scent in His Excellency's reference to the House of Commons a suggestion that his respect for that House does not keep him awake at nights. So now we know where we are. We seem to have a Governor now who in certain respects resembles Lord Curzon. Lord Curzon is a great statesman so well known that we need not specifically refer to his qualities.

OUR J. P's. ALL RIGHT. The childish suggestion has been made elsewhere that the Justices of the Peace, in falling to elect a member of the Licensing Board at the first opportunity, displayed a lack of public spirit. Something was parroted about absence of "civic consciousness," or second-hand tosh of that derivative order of journalese. The position is perfectly well understood by the public. In Sir Henry May's time, an important decision by the Licensing Board was overridden by the Government. Since then there has been, naturally, less interest taken in the work. The same objection arises in the case of the Sanitary Board, which is constantly thwarted and over-ridden by the Government. Our J.P's. are business men, and see no sense in wasting their valuable time.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS. Christmas is a season for indoor huddling and cuddling, love and laughter, forgetfulness of trespasses, and the unbuttoning of all our kindlier human impulses. It might well be called Dickens Day, and all who wish to cultivate the right mood should read on the day before either his "Christmas Carol" or his "Cricket on the Hearth" or about the doings of the Wardles in the "Pickwick Papers." Nor can our clergy reasonably object (supposing they wished to) since this holiday was an English holiday long before Christianity decided to adopt it. Bede says that "the ancient peoples of the Angli began the year on December 25 . . . and they called it in their tongue *modranecht* (*modra niht*) or Mother's Night." Christmas presents are a German institution, Santa Klaus was a German, and the day itself was a pagan festival. We should not let these disconcerting facts prevent us from feeling Christmassy. May your fun and jollity be as hearty as it must have been at the Cana wedding, and withal as innocent. God bless you all. May no killjoys you dismay. Be happy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * There will be no *China Mail* to-morrow or the day after. The reason will be easily inferred by the reader who can read the Almanack.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 11¾d.

No communicable disease since last week.

The Fire and Marine Insurance offices will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and 27.

The s.s. "M.S. Dollar," is due in Hongkong, to-day, with repatriated coolies *en route* for Tsingtau.

The Imports and Exports Department will not be open on Sunday morning, Dec. 28, for the issue of permits.

Capts. T. H. Edwards, R.A.O.C., F. W. Jackson, R.A.M.C., and Lieut., E. A. Roberts, R.F., leave for Home per s.s. "Idomeneus" to-day.

The s.s. "Dania" is due in Hongkong, about January 14 *en route* to Tsingtau with a number of Chinese members of the Coolie Corps.

Paymaster Lieut. A. Chapman, R.N.R., late of H.M.S. "Carlisle" is leaving for Home per the s.s. "Idomeneus" to-day for demobilisation.

The sum of $10,006.26 has now been collected for the Pansy Day Fund. The street collection on the morning of Dec. 19 brought in $4,030.65.

Acting Paymaster Rogers, who has been attached to the coolie depot at Tsingtau, is leaving for Home, per the s.s. "Idomeneus" to-day, to report to the War Office.

To-morrow, Christmas day, the Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, well preach at 11 a.m. and subsequently celebrate the Holy communion at St. John's Cathedral. The Collection is for the Diocesan Schools and Orphanage.

At the Choral Eucharist at St. John's Cathedral at 7.45 a.m., on Christmas Day, *Adeste Fideles* will be sung during the procession and introit. The *Kyrie* and *Sanctus* will be from Stanford in B flat and the service Merbecke.

The Rev. R. A. Bundle, Chaplain to the Forces and the Rev. G. G. Newman leave for Home to-day per the s.s. *Idomeneus*. The Rev. Newman has been ministering to the British Forces in Vladivostock after which he was attached to H. M. S. *Carlisle*.

Major F. E. T. Willett, R. G. A., Captains Templeton, Cameron and Rawlings, Lieutenants Murphy, Richardson, Barrow, Thomas, Payne, Murphy, Manley, Libby, Logan and Art., Engineer A. H. Hall, R. N., left for Home per the s.s. *Glenapp* yesterday.

Some very artistic calendars have been received by the *China Mail* from Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Fletcher & Co., Ltd., the Colonial Dispensary, the Anderson Music Co., Ltd., Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., and the Osaka Kishen Kaisha.

We are used to the practice of business concerns sending to their patrons at Christmas time, calendars and such like as acknowledgements of past favours but we have rarely been the recipients of reminders such as were presented to us yesterday, by the General Electric Company. The present consists of three articles and their merit is emphasised by their usefulness and value. First there is a desk calendar and memo block of quite new design, worthy of a place in the editorial sanctum. Second, there is a writing pad enclosed in real leather binding of such artistic merit that one would not be ashamed to present it to a personal friend. Last, a neat little pocket book which can be carried in the waistcoat pocket. Thanks.

"WALLA WALLA" boats are new and fast. Get them at Blake Pier.

SANITARY BOARD.

THE LATE MR. CHAN KAI MING.

The Sanitary Board met yesterday, Mr. A. Gibson presiding and there being present Hon. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. S. W. Tso. Dr. W. W. Pearse and Mr. C. M. W. Reynoeds.

Before commencing the business the Chairman said:—This is the first meeting of the Board since the death of Mr. Chan Kai-ming and you would, I am sure, desire that I should refer to the great loss suffered by the community in general and by ourselves as members of the Board through this sad event. He had, for many years, been actively associated with us. At the time of his death, as the senior Chinese member, he was taking a full share in the consideration of those special problems which engage our attention. His wide experience of the affairs of the Colony, his sound common sense and practical judgment were, at all times, cheerfully placed at our disposal. Whatever progress has resulted from our activities, the advance may be traced in no small degree to the loyal support which he ever extended to the Board and its officers.

"The work done by the members of the Sanitary Board is not all done in the public eye. Not the least useful of Mr. Chan Kai-ming's services were performed behind the scenes and unostentatiously, and were perhaps even more valuable in that account. The story of his life furnishes an example of a successful business career, combined with a keen, active and discerning interest in public affairs,

"I beg, therefore, to move that the Board records in the minutes its sense of the loss sustained through the death of Mr. Chan Kai-ming, and expresses its sympathy with his family and friends in their bereavement."

The vote was carried in silence, all those present standing.

HEALTH REPORTS.

In accordance with notice Dr. Koch moved

"That the Board recommends that all Health Returns received by the Government from neighbouring Coast Ports be circulated for the information of the Board."

He pointed out that with the exception of those from Shanghai and Hankow, the reports received by the Government were not circulated to members, who therefore, had no knowledge, except through the newspapers of the incidence of communicable disease in those ports. He thought the Board should have this information, so that they could obtain a knowledge of the steps being taken to guard against the spread of disease—also to prevent its incidence here and for the preservation of public health generally.

Mr. Alabaster seconded saying it was obvious that the Board should be in possession of all information.

The Chairman said that the Government received these reports, and the recommendation of the Board would go a long way towards persuading them to send the reports to the Board. The motion was carried unanimously.

The rest of the business was formal.

CONCERT AT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL.

A concert, which was thoroughly enjoyed by patients and visitors alike, was held at the Naval Hospital yesterday afternoon, under the able organisation of the Rev. F. G. B. Hastings. Tea was served by Wiseman's Cafe before the entertainment began.

Particular mention must be made of the "Marseillaise" Dance by Misses Ruby and Rosebud Young and the Toe Dance by Miss Vyvienne Young. These young ladies have acquired considerable proficiency in dancing, and give promise of further progress in the art. Two popular items were those of Mr. East, of the "Ambrose," and Mr. Merrin, of the "Fame." Mr. Guy Kennett acted as accompanist.

The programme was as follows:—

Song (a) The Gipsy Wife
(b) Dear Soul Miss Hewitt.
Comic Song..." Burlington Bertie".....Mr. East.
Piano..." What the Chimney Sang" (Bret Harte)..Miss F. E. Woodwright.
Dance.....Marseillaise
Misses Ruby & Rosebud Young.
Song...Selected...Mr. E. T. Crocker.
Comic Song....." The Fact.
Is".....Mr. P. A. Crocker.
Song Selected.....Mrs. Hall.
Magic Mr. A. Braga.
Toe Dance...Miss Vyvienne Young.
Comic Song..." I'm learning a Song for Xmas".....Mr. A. B. Allan.
Song....." Reuben Ranzo".....Mr. Green.
Dance.....Hornpipe
Misses Ruby & Rosebud Young.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TOO MANY TO MENTION.—The Editor desires to thank, very sincerely and gratefully, numerous offerers of sympathy and even of contributions towards his heavy legal costs. While he deprecates the idea of the proposed public subscription, he welcomes the manifest general feeling of appreciation of the efforts of the *China Mail*.

THE LATE MR. D. H. MORRISON.

ENQUIRY HELD TO-DAY.

At the Magistracy this morning, Mr. J. R. Wood, as Coroner, held an enquiry touching the death of Mr. D. H. Morrison, whose body was found in Connaught Road, West on the night of the 14th inst. The following were the jury:—Messrs J. A. Barradas, T. A. Collaco, and C. G. da Silva.

Dr. Henry Parker deposed that on the 15th inst, he saw the body of a European, which was identified by Mr. James as that of Mr. D. H. Morrison. He held a post—mortem examination of the body. The cause of death was a fractured skull. The injuries were solely confined to the skull. The brains were spilled. It must have been done with powerful force. The deceased had heart and kidney disease but he would not say that these could be the cause of death. He sent the stomach to the government anlyst to examine whether the deceased had previously taken any alcohol.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Analyst, said the at 1.40 p.m., on the 15th instant he received a stomech sealed. He examined it and found that it contained half a dram of alcohol.

Mr. F. W. Tame, superintendent engineer of Messrs Butterfield and Swire, said he last saw deceased alive on the 12th instant. The deceased was then the third engineer of the s.s. "Hupeh." On the 13th inst., deceased was transferred to the s.s. "Kweichow" and was then under the influence of drink. On the morning of the 15th, he saw the body of deceased at the mortuary.

Mr. H. R. Jassop, late third engineer of the s.s. "Kweichow" said he last, saw the deceased at the public bar of the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m. on the 14th.

Mr. Baylis, superintendent of the Sailors Home said he first saw deceased at the Home on the 13th at about 4 p.m. He gave his name to the No. 1 "boy" and engaged a room, and after putting down his luggage he left in a hurry and said he intended to stay there for three weeks or a month.

Sergeant Clark said that at about 10.30 p.m. on the 14th, while he was at No. 7 Station he received a telephone message intimating that the body of a European was found lying in Connaught Road West. He went and saw that it was turned face downwards, and was lying with head to the west and the feet to the east. The deceased's brains were lying nine feet away. He was of the opinion that the deceased was knocked down by a motor car. Inspector Macdonald was present. Witness left and in the company of Chinese detectives he went to the garages and enquired, but nothing was admitted.

Inspector Macdonald said he found the deceased's skull fractured when he saw the bady. The coat was torn at the back along the shoulders, and there was dust all over. The body was then still warin. He went to the Taiping Theatre and telephoned to the Central Station. The body was later removed first to No. 7 Station and then to the Mortuary.

Mr. James said that as far as his knowledge was concerned, motor cars returning from either Repulse Bay or Deep Water Bay, usually turn out from the vicinity of the hotels and then on to the Praya where the speed of the cars increased, as the road is more spacious.

A Chinese constable said that at 9.30 p.m. on the night in question, he was on duty in Connaught Road West. He did not see anyone lying on the road and did not notice any motor cars pass by.

An Indian constable said he found the body of a European on the road. He blew his whistle and an Inspector arrived.

THE VERDICT.

The verdict was given as follows:—"The deceased died in consequence of a fracture of the skull. It seems probably that the injury was caused through the deceased having been knocked down or run over by a motor car at the place where he was found. There is no evidence in that event that the driver was negligent, but it is certain that it neither stopped to render assistance or make a report to the proper authorities. For this reason the driver is guilty of serious misconduct."

TWO ATTEMPTED SUICIDES

A nineteen-year-old Chinese girl living at No. 470 Canton Road, has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from a self inflicted wound in the throat, caused with a razor. The girl is not seriously hurt and is expected to recover.

Another nineteen-year-old Chinese girl living at 116 Temple Street, attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the Yaumati Ferry launch "On Yan," at 1.45 p.m., yesterday whilst the launch was in midstream on its way to Hongkong from Yaumati. The launch was immediately stopped and the girl was fished out and landed in Hongkong none the worse for her wetting. This girl is married and it is believed that domestic troubles were behind her desperate act.

ENTERTAINMENT AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

On Wednesday afternoon the Officers and ladies of the Royal Artillery were "At Home" to the Married Families of the Regiment stationed in Hongkong, at the Royal Artillery Theatre, Victoria Barracks, on the occasion of the Childrens' Christmas Tree.

Tea was served at 4.00 p.m. by Wisemans' Ltd.

Following the tea, Messrs. Pathe Freres put on a specially selected cinema show which all present thoroughly enjoyed.

About 6.00 p.m. the curtain was removed and a beautiful tree illuminated with numerous coloured lamps, kindly lent by the Hongkong electric Co. Ltd., was revealed, laden with toys, crackers, etc., by which stood "Father Christmas." The children soon made themselves at home and as Father Christmas called each child by name, Mrs. Loring handed to them their toys together with a bag of sweets.

After the persents were distributed, the Officers present collected all the children and started to strip the tree which in a very short time was robbed of all its glory which had been displayed earlier in the afternoon.

At the close of the entertainment Father Christmas called for three cheers for Col. and Mrs. Loring. Officers and Ladies of the Royal Artillery, to which the children heartily responded, following the cheers by a rousing tiger.

The ladies under Mrs. Loring are to be complimented for their excellent design in the tree decorations. The theatre was dressed with bunting kindly lent by H.M.S. Tamar, the dressing being carried out by Sergt. A. E. Smith and Bombr. F. Shepherd.

Selections were given on the piano by S. M. H. G. Loder R.A.M.C. G.M.

During the afternoon the party was visited by H.E. Major General F. Ventris C.B. G.O.C., who always shows a very keen interest on all occasions on which Garrison Entertainments are carried out.

A fine programme has been arranged for the concert at the Seamen's Institute on Saturday commencing at 8 p.m. The arrangements have been in the hands of Mr. Marcus Hayes and the following local artistes are appearing—Misses Criese, Amy Gordon, J. Rosser, and Jack, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Messrs. Grun, A. Farrel, Hillier, Hayes, Braga, and Razavett. The first part of the programme consists of a pierrot show and the second of a farce in one act.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December, the Dispensary General Store and Wine Departments will remain open until 7 p.m.

All Departments will be CLOSED on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

DISPENSING DEPARTMENT.

Urgent prescriptions will be dispensed as usual.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

PROFESSIONAL GOLD CUP.

THE QUESTION having arisen as to whether "LARSEN" subscription Griffins should be allowed to compete for this cup together with "SHANGHAI" subscription Griffins at the forthcoming race meeting, the members of the Professions are requested to attend at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1919, at 5.15 p.m. to consider the matter and arrive at a decision.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY 14th January, 1920 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st January to WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited.
General Agents for the
West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

Spend your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

NOTICE.

THE IMPORTS & EXPORTS DEPARTMENT will not be OPEN on SUNDAY mornings for the issue of Import & Export permits after December 28, 1919.

C. W. BECKWITH,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.

Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.

Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

FOOTBALL FOR FRANCE.

GRAND CHARITY MATCHES in aid of Hongkong Fund for Devastated France.

SATURDAY, 27th December.
AT HAPPY VALLEY.

At 2 P.M.
Civilians v. Services.

At 4 P.M.
Scotland v. England.

Admission by Ticket $1 each.

J. RALSTON,
Hon. Secretary.
H. K. F. A.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

FOR THE X'MAS and NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS the DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO. has added a number of NEW CARS to their service.

The Public is advised that this company has the best cars for hire and engages only the best qualified and most careful drivers. Terms quoted on enquiry. Orders will be booked in advance.

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FURNISHED.—No, 87 the Peak, (No. 1 Stewart Ferrace), containing 3 BEDROOMS and BATHROOMS-hot and cold water, Drying room, Dinning room, Drawing room, Sitting room and usual offices, also large garden. Apply to:—HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Alexandra Buildings.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,)
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TUESDAY,
December 30, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at
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THE SUNDRY
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We all laughed, and carried on, because it was one of those pieces of unwritten etiquette in an officers' mess which we never observed, that "shop" should never be introduced. Good enough, we always said, in the old days, when officers had to live together year after year, and active service was only a pleasant dream. But we were only "temporaries"; everything was new to us, and there was not a minute to lose. The little bit of "shop" we discussed one night might be put to the life-and-death test by one of us the next morning, and if you had something to discuss you discussed it straight away.

THE BEST TALK OF ALL

But in any case, why this dislike of "shop" in everyday life? For "talking shop" means that men are talking of the things they know most about, and are most interested in. If it happens that you are an outsider, and cannot take a hand in the conversation, sit tight and keep your ears open, and it will be strange if you are not soon fascinated.

I remember a railway journey from London to Glasgow that was all too short because two sea-going men talked "shop" in my hearing all the way. Once they stopped, and one of them said to me, "Not very interesting to you, I'm afraid." I breathlessly begged them to carry on, and passed my tobacco pouch, for I was in a new and wonderful world, in which the only things that mattered were the ability of a propeller shaft to stand up to its work when all hope seemed to have gone up the funnel, or the sudden crash on a rock that the charts know nothing about.

Some "shop," of course, is better than others, but all is good, and if I had the chance of hearing shoppy talk to-night from a rat-catcher or a king, it would be very hard to make a choice.

I come back to the same thing—every man talks best on the thing he is most interested in, and as all talk which helps us to understand one another is good, so "shop" is the best talk of all.—*Daily Chronicle.*

CEYLON PEARL BANKS.

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES.

It is stated that Dr. Joseph Pearson, Director of the Colombo Museum, hopes to carry out an inspection of the Ceylon Pearl Banks in December, and that, in any case, he will certainly pay them a visit in March next.

The last inspection, says the *Times of Ceylon*, took place in 1914, when the beds did not look very promising although there were slight indications of a fishery.

In the Ceylon Administration Report for 1914 Dr. Joseph Pearson wrote: "In my report to the Colonial Secretary dated April 7, 1914, I wrote as follows:—"It was a striking fact that, while in 1913 practically no oysters were found, the 1914 inspection of the Muttuwaratu pearls revealed the presence of a considerable number of oysters, a sufficient nucleus, in my opinion, to produce a large quantity of oysters in 1915, if the oysters attain maturity at the end of their first year, as I believe they do, and if currents, etc., are favourable to a dispersal of the larvae on favourable grounds. Hence I look forward to the 1915 inspection with considerable interest. Unfortunately owing to financial considerations there will be no inspections in 1915 and 1916, so that it will be impossible to follow up this most interesting point. I should have been prepared to find a marked increase of young oysters in 1915 and probably a considerable spatfall in 1916 or 1917."

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ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held yesterday evening.

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr (Captain) presided, and was supported by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Messrs. T. S. Forrest, W. D. Kraft, R. Melville Smith, F. H. Thomas and C. L. Sandes (Hon. Secretary). There was a large attendance of members.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the accounts for the year ending September 30 last have been in your hands for some days now and I will, as usual, take them as read. I think you will agree they show the Club's affairs as being in a prosperous condition, taking into consideration that we compare 12 months' expenditure this year with nine months of 1918, since it was decided to close the latter accounts on September 30, 1918, from which date the present year's accounts commence. The difference in the Fanling figures is, of course, also accounted for by the payment of some $5,000 for the new nine holes of the Relief course. It will be realised that the efficient maintenance and upkeep of the four courses now belonging to the Club will tend to increase, rather than diminish, our expenditure, and I think we may congratulate ourselves on having weathered the terrible years of the war with so comparatively satisfactory results. With regard to the Happy Valley Club-house, destroyed by the fire of 1917, your Committee decided at the beginning of the present year to leave the question of rebuilding in abeyance pending the decision of the Stewards of the Jockey Club to extend the Race-stands further west. In the meantime we desire to place on record our appreciation and thanks for their continued hospitality. While there has been no alteration in the Happy Valley course the Deep Water Bay links have been altered to prevent so much crossing, which, owing to increased patronage during the summer months, was becoming a danger to players. For the re-arranging of this course as well as for laying out the new nine holes of our Relief course at Fanling we are again indebted to the wise and comprehensive golf-mind of Mr. T. S. Forrest, whose name will ever be intimately associated not only for his fine play but also for the many services he has rendered to the Club. You were informed last year by the Hon. Mr. David Landale, my predecessor, that Mr. H. W. Looker had kindly offered to build two wings on to the Lady's pavilion at Fanling in memory of his late wife and many happy days spent at Fanling. This work, consisting of two general dressing-rooms and four bedrooms with bath-roms, has since been completed and is very greatly appreciated by the wives and families of members. On behalf of the Club we tender to Mr. H. W. Looker our grateful thanks. The members' appreciation may be gauged by the fact that all the rooms have been let continuously and are booked full, provisionally, for some time to come. It is the intention, with Mr. Looker's approval, to place a brass tablet in the dining-hall of the Lady's pavilion recording his generous presentation to the Club. While on the subject of memorials, it is also intended to erect a tablet in the Club-house at Fanling bearing the names of those gallant members who lost their lives in the great war and who contributed so effectually, together with those who fought and returned to us, in securing to posterity the freedom to enjoy the Royal and Ancient game of Golf in this Colony. It is also intended to issue a list of official competitions, to be played on fixed dates during 1920, for members' information. These will include the Governor's shield, presented by H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs under conditions recently published; also the Jasper Clarke Challenge cup presented by his wife in memory of her late husband, killed in the war, to be played for on a day that has Scottish traditions, the cup to remain a perpetual Challenge cup and never to be played for by anyone who was of enemy origin during the war. The Committee have accepted Mrs. Jasper Clarke's offer and terms, which will remain on record in the annals of the Club, and will arrange for the cup to be played for on a date as near St. Andrew's Day as convenient, conditions—36 holes on the Championship course of Fanling, medal play at scratch, the Club to present a prize as souvenir and in token of the great respect and esteem in which this late gallant officer was held by all who knew him. The question of balls has been a difficult one owing to the lack of proper material in the manufactories during the latter months of the war. The Club had a large stock of balls in March last which would have carried us on over Christmas under ordinary circumstances, but the covers were found to split and crack at once on using, and, on reference to the suppliers, we were informed that it had been impossible to procure the usual materials. These balls were obviously of no use to us, and so it was decided to return them, and Messrs. Challenger's and Spalding's have promised to replace their respective makes, but we are still corresponding with the St. Mungo Manufacturing Company, the makers of the Colonels, etc., who, we hope, will treat us in the same considerate way as the first-mentioned firms. We hear of clubs at home similarly situated. Adequate supplies are now on the way, and within a few weeks it is hoped that the situation will be relieved. During the year Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood were asked to submit plans for the re-arrangement of the men's Club-house at Fanling. These plans have now been received, but they practically mean pulling down the present building, except the actual four walls, and erecting a new building at a cost of $80,000 to $100,000. It will no doubt be agreed that the present state of the Club's accounts do not admit of so large an ordinary expenditure, more especially as during the coming year a building will have to be erected for the Club steward at Fanling by the end of 1920, when our lease with Mr. Orme for his house falls due. It is absolutely necessary, gentlemen, for the safe custody of our valuable property in the shape of silver, glass, napery, furniture, etc., to have a resident steward at Fanling, and this post, which also includes looking after the links, has so far been filled to the satisfaction of your Committee by Sergeant Kerr with the able assistance of his capable wife. It must be remembered that we have at present an outstanding debenture issue of $66,000 in addition to an overdraft with our Bankers of $42,000, and bright as the prospects of this Club undoubtedly are, I am convinced that it would be most unwise to saddle the Club with a further heavy debt by rebuilding the Club-house at present. We all realise that our Club-house is by no means ideal and leaves a great deal to be desired as regards space and suitable accommodation, both up and down stairs, but I think we can carry on as we and be fairly comfortable for a few years longer, and leave the question of re-building over until some future date when the Club's liabilities have been reduced. The question is one for the incoming Committee to deal with, but, unless members are willing to subscribe and present the Club with a new building, I personally do not see how anything can be done in the meantime. With these remarks, I beg to move the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. G. C. Moxon seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—I should like to read to you the following correspondence:—

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
Hongkong, June 4, 1919.

To Sir Francis Henry May,
G.C.M.G.,
50, Cadogan Place,
London, S.W.

My dear Sir Henry May,—The Committee of The Royal Hongkong Golf Club have heard with much regret of the news of your recent illness and the consequent necessity for your resigning the Governorship of this Colony.

They desire to place on record in the annals of the Club their deep appreciation of your keen interest and kindly services in its welfare, more especially in the inauguration during your tenure of office of the new Fanling Golf course, which has proved so great a success and, it is considered, will continue to be a source of good in the Colony; and I have the pleasure to inform you it will be the Captain's privilege at the next annual general meeting to propose to the members that you be elected a life-member of the Club.

The Committee desire to tender their hearty congratulations on the further honours which His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer on you, and trust that you may be spared for many years to enjoy in restored health at home a well-earned long and happy retirement.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) E. V. D. PARR.
(Captain).

To the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr,
Captain, H.K. Golf Club.
August 3, 1919.

My dear Parr,—Please accept for yourself and convey to the committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club my warm thanks for the expressions of sympathy and congratulation contained in your letter of the 4th of June.

It is a great satisfaction to learn that the small services I was able to render to the Golf Club are so much appreciated that it is proposed to put my name forward as a life-member of the Club.

If this honour is conferred upon me I shall be most proud, and shall remember with added gratefulness the day when I was inveigled by the late lamented Mr. E. A. Hewett and his fellow-conspirators to essay my first game of golf at Fanling.—Believe me, yours sincerely,

F. H. MAY.

The Chairman:—One of the many services referred to was Sir Henry May's advice regarding the urgency for the top-dressing of the fairway of the course which we are now benefiting from. Also, as years pass, the trees and shrubs planted on the surrounding hills at his instigation will make Fanling not only, as it is now, one of the grandest, but also one of the most beautiful golf courses in the world. We are glad to hear of Sir Henry's greatly improved health, and I have much pleasure in proposing that he be elected a life-member of the Club.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A CHRISTMAS POEM.

Though pleasures pall and customs age
And change as seasons roll,
Though peace or war may fill the page
Of life's swift-written scroll,
One song, from heart to heart that springs,
Will ever hold its sway;
In right good cheer its echo rings—
"A Merry Christmas Day!"

Then open, friends, your heart-doors wide,
And hear its notes again,
As fair it flings o'er wind and tide
Its seraph-sweet refrain.
Let care and worry take their flight,
And gloomy strife give way,
Goodwill and fellowship unite—
"A Merry Christmas Day!"

GLADYS JACKSON.

The Chairman: The incoming Secretary will write and tell Sir Henry May what has been done.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt proposed "That no structural alterations be made to the main golf-house building at Fanling without taking the opinion of a general meeting." He said: I am proposing this resolution in view of the fact that further accommodation will undoubtedly be necessary in the near future, and it is best to sound the feeling of the members with regard to the suitability or otherwise of the existing accommodation and the possibility of it being improved and altered.

Mr. F. A. Wells, seconding, stated that he would also ask the Committee to make some statement as to when a new club-house was to be built at Happy Valley, as the present arrangements were uncomfortable.

The Chairman replied that the Committee had not thought it advisable to go to the expense of putting up a pavilion at Happy Valley until the Jockey Club intended to extend the race-stands further west, for otherwise, a pavilion, if built, would have to come down. He was quite sure that any incoming Committee would never make any alterations to the club-house at Fanling without reference to a general meeting.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The election of office-bearers next took place.

Mr. G. M. Young was elected Captain amid applause.

The Chairman: The thanks of the Club are due to Messrs. J. de B. Lancaster, P. P. J. Wodehouse, C. L. Sandes and J. W. Franks, who have carried out the onerous duties of Honorary Secretary during the year. Mr. Sandes handed over to Mr. Franks as he expected to leave for Home this month, and, as Mr. Franks is also now leaving and Mr. Sandes remaining till March, I beg to propose Mr. Sandes be elected as Hon. Secretary pending the election of Mr. Greenhill, who has kindly volunteered to take over the duties in January.

Mr. C. L. Sandes was unanimously elected as Hon. Secretary.

When the election of the Committee was to take place Mr. Hallifax stated that the Club had reached a stage when it was desirable to have an enlarged Committee, and, if he had been in time, he would have moved a resolution to alter the rules accordingly. At present the Committee were entitled by the articles to add to their number. A sub-Committee was looking after the course at Deep Water Bay, but they were co-opted members who had no vote on the Committee. That did not give a proper sense of responsibility and he was very much in favour of an enlarged Committee, from which a series of sub-Committees could be appointed to take charge of the various links, and look into the smaller details of expenditure with a view to saving money.

Mr. T. Hill supported the idea, and suggested that the names of the sub-Committees be posted at the Club-house so that any member having a grievance might know whom to go to.

The Chairman replied that he was sure the incoming Committee would consider the suggestions. He also mentioned that Messrs. Dodwell and Forrest were shortly leaving the Colony for Home and would not be able to stand for election on the Committee. Mr. Dodwell had been a member of the Committee for six years, for two of which he had the honour of being Captain of the Club, and had given them the benefit of his wise judgment and sound advice. Mr. A. Ritchie, also, had resigned the Committee during the year. The Club had to thank him for many valuable services rendered; and also Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin for his services at Deep Water Bay. He was sure they would all join him in wishing them good luck and happy days on the Home links.

The following Committee was elected:—Messrs. F. H. Thomas, E. J. Grist, W. D. Kraft, T. Hill, R. Melville Smith and the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr. Mr. Hallifax, though pressed, declined to offer himself for re-election on the ground that he could not devote the necessary time to the duties.

On the proposition of Mr. Young, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. T. S. Forrest was apointed a life-member of the Club in acknowledgment of his services.

After expressing thanks to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., for the use of the room, and to the Chairman the meeting dispersed.

ALLEGED "MOTOR BANDITS."

INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

The three alleged "motor bandits," Iu Sui Ping, Ng Wai and Chuen Sing, who were charged with (1) armed robbery at No. 40, Des Vœux Road on November 26 and theft of $5,700; (2) murder of P.c. C605, Lang Pui; (3) murder of Lau Cho; (4) murder of Wu Cheuk; (5) shooting with intent to kill P.c. B82 Khear Din; (6) shooting with intent to kill P.c. C48, Li Kang Yau; (7) shooting with intent to kill L/S All3, Alexander Clark; and (8) wounding with intent to kill P.c. C48, Li Kang Yau, were again before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Leo. Longinotte, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, whilst the prisoners were unrepresented by counsel.

Inspector Macdonald said that at 1.50 p.m., on November 26th, he was sitting in the verandah of his quarters at No. 7 Police Station when he saw motor-car 261 draw up and stop near the station. The driver shouted out something in broken English, like the word "Men." Witness went out and saw the driver, who appeared to be somewhat excited. Through the interpreter, witness understood the chauffeur to say that there was a robbery near the Ko Shing Theatre and that the robbers were there still. Witness called out the detectives and Sergeant Payne who was in the charge-room. Witness also instructed the telephone clerk to warn the various police stations. Witness next got into the car with the other detectives and ordered the chauffeur to take him to the scene of the robbery. Witness was taken to No. 60, Des Vœux Road West, where he found the shop in disorder. He asked the men where the robbers were, and the men in the shop replied the robbers had gone away. Sergeant Clark informed witness that the chauffeur had told him that the robbers had gone by way of Holland Street. This was telephoned to Central. Witness got into the car once more, and told the driver to take him back to No. 7 station. When the station was reached, all the men in it were ordered to turn out and proceed to Belcher's Street as he was of opinion at the time that the robbers had gone to the brothels. Witness wanted to surround the locality. The driver took witness and some detectives to Collinson Street, where, he said, the robbers had left the car. Witness waited there for some time. The principal Chinese detective, who arrived at the place by tram car, gave certain information to witness who proceeded to Sam Street. After posting the Police at different points, witness went into a Chinese godown and telephoned the information which he had received to Central. While witness was leaving the godown, Sergeant Clark came running up to him and told him of his encounter with the robber in Smithfield Street. Witness accompanied Clark to a tea-house in Catchick Street and Clark pointed out the place where the robbers were. Witness stood on guard at the door and ordered the policemen to surround the whole block of buildings. Witness next entered the house with some detectives, searched it and found nobody there. Witness then left the place and went to Belcher's Street where he met Sergeant Field with the third prisoner in his custody. In Jubilee Street witness met Sergeant Hedge who was leading the second prisoner. When witness first entered the motor-car, he discovered a small rattan basket on the floor of the car. He also found a cap and a handkerchief. He found in different parts of the car several cartridges of different calibre; some were empty.

L. Sergeant Alexander Clark stated that on November 26th, at about 2 p.m., he was at No. 7 Station when he was informed by Inspector Macdonald that an armed robbery had taken place at No. 40, Des Vœux Road West. Witness went to the place by rickshaw and met Inspector Macdonald and a party of Police. He also saw the car, which had been used by the robbers, standing outside the shop. The witness informed the Inspector accordingly, and after going back to No. 7 Police Station, they went to the searchlight at Collinson Street where they alighted from the motor-car. Witness next proceeded to Catchick Street with the Chief Chinese Detective, who suggested searching the tea-house. Witness was placed on guard at the bottom of the stairs while the rest went up.

Mr Wood: Was it by chance that your party went to the tea-house?—Witness: Yes.

Continuing, witness said that about two minutes after he had kept guard he heard several shots being fired on the first floor. Witness was armed and he took up a position at the bottom of the stairs. He saw two men rushing down the stairs firing their revolvers. Witness immediately drew his revolver and fired one shot at the man who was leading who happened to be the third prisoner. This man was at the time at the foot of the stairs. The man appeared to witness to collapse. Witness knocked him on the head with the revolver, and the revolver flew out of witness's hand. During that time the second prisoner was shooting at witness point blank, and witness retreated to the opposite side of the road, where there were some verandah pillars. The second prisoner followed witness into the street and fired two shots at him. Both the prisoners then ran in the direction of Smithfield Street. Witness returned to the tea-house for his revolver but could not find it at the time. He next saw some Chinese constables join in the chase after the robbers. Witness obtained the assistance of Inspector Macdonald and party, who were in Belcher's Street, and surrounded the tea-house, which was searched. No other robbers were found there. A few minutes later Sergeant Field and a Chinese detective came with the third prisoner, who was under arrest. When the robbers were firing at witness in the tea-house, he felt a pain in his thigh. He examined his thigh later on and found a bruise, which, Dr. McKenny said, was caused by a shot.

Sergeant Field stated that, hearing the blasts of a police-whistle, he went to Belcher's Street and saw the first prisoner in the custody of the Chief Chinese Detective. He asked the detective where the other robbers were and the latter pointed towards Smithfield Street. After making enquiries, witness rushed on to Jubilee Road, and from there to the hillside behind the Tung Wah Hospital. He then saw the third prisoner crawling along a nullah. Witness ran up to the man and was about eight or ten yards away from him when third prisoner took cover behind a rock and opened fire. Witness knelt down and returned the fire. The prisoner fired four rounds, witness fired five. The fourth round that the witness fired apparently struck the prisoner's hand as his revolver fell down. Witness's fifth round struck the prisoner on the right hip. Prisoner then held up his hands. Witness went up to him and arrested him. A seven chambered revolver was lying by the prisoner's side, containing four empty cartridges. The prisoner's pockets were searched and $57 in notes was found on him. The prisoner also had eight live cartridges.

Third prisoner: All the shots I fired were not directed at anybody?—Witness: I cannot say where the bullets fired by him went. He had his hand over the rock and pointed the revolver at me.

Third prisoner: My intention was to frighten him.

Sergeant Hedge said that he proceeded to the hillside, east of the Tung Wah Hospital, with Sergeant Field. Witness went to one side of a nullah and Sergeant Field to the other. Witness saw one of the robbers in the nullah. The man pointed a revolver and opened fire. Field returned the fire. Witness's automatic pistol became jammed and refused to work. After the man was taken under arrest, witness proceeded to Jubilee Road. He saw the second prisoner running towards the foreshore. Witness followed the man who ran to the Swedish Trading Co.'s building. He then heard some shots being fired from a bush. Witness remained near the place, and shortly afterwards he saw the robber leaving the bush and run limping into a building which was an old cook-house. Witness followed him and saw the robber inside, holding a revolver in each hand. Witness covered him with the automatic pistol, which was then working, and the prisoner threw down his two revolvers and kicked them behind some old matting.

Corroborative evidence was given by other witnesses.

The hearing was adjourned.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. H. Percy Smith returned to Hongkong per the s.s. "Glenapp."

There will be a special programme at the Hongkong Theatre during the holidays, details of which will be found in our advertising columns. A feature will be the presentation of toys and sweets to children during the matinee performances.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Mr. J. R. Wood $10, Chinese Congregational Church $20, Mr. F. P. Allen $25, Mr. Lo Chung Kwai $20.

The enterprising Management of the Carlton Hotel is sparing no pains to make Christmas as enjoyable as possible. The Hotel will be suitably decorated and on Christmas night a special menu will be served. There will be music during dinner and the menu itself will be artistically arranged and will form a memento of what will undoubtedly be a most enjoyable Christmas for the guests.

In the Summary Court this morning a Portuguese, named A Lopes, employed in the P.W.D., appeared to answer a claim made by the Man Hing Loong Furnishing Company. It appeared that the man had been adjudicated bankrupt and afterwards furnished his house from the complainants in his wife's name. Mr. Lloyd, the Official Receiver, said the man was paying monthly instalments. Judgment was given for the amount claimed and instalments will be arranged by the Official Receiver and Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who represents the plaintiffs.

A Chinese, the driver of motor car A102, was this morning charged before Mr. R. O. Hutchison with the reckless driving of the vehicle at the junction of Shantung and Shanghai Streets, Mongkok, yesterday. He is alleged to have collided with, and injured a child, and smashed two rickshas. Inspector Gerard informed his Worship that in attempting to avoid the child, the car not only knocked it down, but ran into two rickshas, smashing them to matchwood. The child who was sent to the hospital is happily not seriously injured and will be able to attend court on Monday. His Worship remanded the case until then, fixing bail in the sum of $250.

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The following will represent the C.S.C.C. 2nd XI V C.R.C. 2nd XI at Causeway Bay on Saturday next at 2.15 p.m. W. Hill (Capt.), H. E. Strange, F. S. Burden, G. P. Knight, S. E. Alderman, R. T. Taylor, E. T. Crocker, D. Lyon, F. Bacon, G. H. Haskett and H. W. Sandford.

I.R.C v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the I.R.C. against the University on the former's ground on Thursday, commencing at 10.30 a.m.—A. el Arculli, (Captain), G. C. Earde, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, A. A. Rumjahn, A. G. Suffiad, A. R. Madar, S. Moosdeen, N. M. Bux and A. N. Other.

The following XI will represent the Navy in the cricket match against the Garrison on 29th and 30th December, commencing at 11 a.m. each day:—Paymaster Lieut. C. G. Robinson (Captain), (Tamar), Paymaster Lieut. Commdr. A. S. Holborn, (Tamar), Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, (Tamar), Surgeon Commander F. H. Holl, (Alacrity), Lieutenant L. D. Jones, (Alacrity), Lieutenant F. J. Lambert, (Carlisle), Lieutenant A. H. S. Casswell, (Carlisle), Lieutenant Commdr. A. B. Greig, (Ambrose), Lieutenant E. H. Dolphin, (Ambrose), Lieutenant I. B. Franks, (Sandpiper), Mr. E. G. Kennett, (H.M. Dockyard).

Approximately the same team will play against the H.K.C.C. on 1st and 2nd January.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WE CAN'T ALL THINK ALIKE.

[*To the Editor of the "China Mail."*]

Sir,—May I disagree with your "Adversaria" writer who thinks dominoes and masks are worn at a ball for democracy's sweet sake (and that therefore the organisers of the masked ball on Friday who came in a kind of uniform stultified themselves). They were put on for fun and for fun alone. A spice of mystery adds piquancy to any situation, and if you had heard, as I did, the comments and chuckles, the amusing guesses and mistakes, on Friday evening, or even the recital of them afterwards you would be under no delusion as to the success of the plan. The fact that eight people appeared dressed alike—thereby foregoing any chance for a prize, was the most mystifying thing of all. You thought you had guessed one of them, and found you were wrong the second time, even if you were right the first. Your literary Bolshevik ought to be able to twist Lincoln's saying about fooling some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, &c., into quite a nice and apt illustration of the situation. Let us hear from him again.

As to the economy which you think was not encouraged. The richness of the material was not considered in the judging, but only the beauty and originality in a mode of dress in which it was difficult to find much variety. I hear the first prize winner was made by deft and able fingers at home of material to be used as an evening cloak afterwards—true economy.

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ON BEING ABSENT-MINDED.

What is really the best story of absent-mindedness, asks a writer in the *Morning Post*. Is it possible that there is any better story than that of the absent minded person, who was jogging along the road into Shoreham, and on coming to Old Shoreham Bridge, where tolls must be paid, said to the gate keeper: "What is to pay?" "Pay, sir? What for?" said the man with the tickets. "Why, for my horse, to be sure." "What horse, sir? There is no horse, sir." "No horse? God bless me!" said the dear old gentleman, piously, as he looked down between his legs; "I thought I was on horse back."

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Hongkong, March 31, 1919.

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(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)
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Authorized Capital ...	F. 100,000,000	£8,333,333
Paid-Up Capital	F. 80,000,000	£6,666,666
Reserve Fund ...	F. 14,590,545	£1,215,879
Special Reserve	F. 17,000,000	£1,416,666

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Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1919.

BANKS

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Capital Authorised and Subscribed	£1,500,000
Paid-up	750,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ...	785,700
Reserve Liability of Shareholders	750,000

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Acting Manager.
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, December 11, 1919.

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Paid-up Capital $2,000,000
Reserved and Undivided Profits 500,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 Months 3% per annum.
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LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 10, 1919.

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中國銀行
(Specially authorised in China by Presidential Mandate of 22nd November, 1917).
Authorised Capital ... $50,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... 12,372,500.00
Reserve Funds ... 3,197,400.00

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Capital (Paid-up) ...	„	37,500,000.
Reserve Funds ...	„	7,020,000.

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SEIZO KONDOH,
Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH:
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Hongkong, November 1, 1919.

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J. L. CROCKATT,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

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Mr. Li Kwan-chun. Mr. Chan Lai Hing.
Mr. Mok Ching Kong. Mr. Fung Ping Shan.
Mr. Wong Yue Ting. Mr. P. K. Kwok.
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KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 13, 1919.

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Reserve ... „ 50,000,000
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
L. BERINDOAGUE,
Manager.
Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1919.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.
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AUTHORISED CAPITAL ...	Yen	100,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	„	61,000,000
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G. BACHHOFNER,
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Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

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TOTAL Funds at 31st December, 1918 £13,970,367.

I—Authorised Capital	£5,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£4,500,000
Paid-up Capital ...	£2,437,500
II—Fire Funds ...	2,837,867
III—Life & Annuity Funds ...	11,567,500
Sinking Fund Account ...	128,236
	£22,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch ...	£2,251,687
„ Life and Annuity Branches ...	2,141,283
Revenue Marine Department ...	237,351
Other Receipts ...	478,264
	£5,233,537

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INCIDENT IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

GRAVE ACCUSATION AGAINST POLICE.

Sitting as Coroner at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. O. Hutchison conducted an enquiry touching the circumstances of the death of a Chinese named. Ho Sze Pai, who died as the result of injuries received on the 10th inst., at Chuen Wan, New Territory.

Mr. H. L. Dennys Jr. represented the relatives of the deceased.

The following composed the Jury:—Messrs, H. E. Hayward, R. C. da Silva and M. A. Simoes.

It appeared that on the 10th inst. while some coolies were engaged in carrying some bags of rice to a ship some 30 to 40 coolies met them and a fight occurred, and as a consequence, the bags of rice were stolen. Some time after the Police appeared on the scene, and to them was pointed out a man who was said to be one of those who had stolen the rice. He was taken to the station. Later he was taken back to his house, being accompanied by Sergeant Macdonald the officer in charge of Chuen Wan Station and a *lukong*. At his door, the Sergeant is alleged to have struck and kicked the man, in the presence of the villagers.

A man living at Chuen Wan said that on the 10th inst at 11.30 a.m., while he was returning to the village from Mok Hin Ha on the main road, he saw the deceased in the custody of a *lukong*, followed by a European Sergeant. They stopped at deceased's house. The door was locked. While they were waiting for it to be opened, he saw the deceased being struck on the head by the European Sergeant with a stick. He saw him also kicked in the stomach. The deceased fell on the ground and cried out repeatedly "Dying, dying." The door was opened and the deceased was dragged into the house.

A woman also living at Chuen Wan said she was grinding corn in her house when she saw the deceased in the custody of the Police. She went out and followed. She saw the European Sergeant strike the deceased on the head with a stick and kick him on the lower part of the body. The deceased was then seen lying on the ground and later dragged into the house She did not know what took place in the house as she, being afraid of the Sergeant, returned home.

A foki of a wine distiller's shop said he was accompanying some coolies carrying bags of rice from Mok Hin Ha. On the way to the shop, a number of coolies met them, and a fight ensued. As a result of the fight all the bags were stolen, and witness went back to the shop and reported it to the master. He saw the deceased being brought to the station, but he did not know whether he had taken a part in the fight.

Dr. James Thornton Smalley, Medical Officer of Kowloon and New Territory deposed that on the 11th inst. at about noon, he saw the body of a Chinese male at the Mortuary. The man was about 28 years of age, and was identified as Ho Sze Pai by his brother, in the presence of the Police. He examined the body and found on the outer side of the left thigh about the middle two bruises of a linear nature about three or four inches apart There was one bruise on the back of each eye The skull was intact, and there was no sign of a bruise on the scalp. There was an enlarged spleen, about 3 inches long. A tear about 4 inches long was on the outer surface of the spleen. The cause of death was rupture of the spleen. He formed the opinion that the bruises on deceased's left thigh might have been caused by blows with a stick, or by a common fall.

Replying to Mr. Dennys, witness said that if the deceased was kicked there would be signs.

The enquiry was remanded until this afternoon.

A Chinese detective attached to the Chuen Wan Station stated that at 11.15 a.m. on the 10th he went with the European Sergeant and other Police together with the rice owner to Mok Hin Ha. On the way, they met a man, who told them that some of the rice that was stolen was in deceased's house in Ho Pin village. When they reached there, they saw the deceased standing in the road. As soon as they were seen, deceased with another ran away. They climbed over a fence, but the deceased fell backwards, and the other escaped. Witness ran up and arrested deceased. He asked deceased where he was running to and he said that he was going to a friend to get his keys. The deceased was then brought to the station, and later he was brought back to his house. The door was kicked open by the Sergeant Asked where the rice was deceased said it was in a cubicle. The Sergeant and the rice owner went in and the latter identified the rice. The deceased who lay on a bed vomitted rice and was carried to the station on a board. The bags of rice were also brought to the station. No one had struck the deceased when he was on the way to his house. At the station the deceased died.

Sergeant Macdonald said he went with the constables and the rice owner to the village named. The deceased was seen on the road, and he ran with another, when they were approaching. The deceased was arrested when he unsuccessfully tried to climb over a fence. The other man was chased by the Indian constable and a *lukong*, but he was lost sight of. When the deceased was brought to his house, the door of which was locked, he forced it open. In a room he saw the bags of rice. The deceased looked very sick and he was removed to the station where a doctor was sent for. The deceased died before reaching the station. He did not assault the deceased.

The jury returned the following verdict:—We find that death was due to a ruptured spleen which according to the medical evidence was not necessarily caused by violence. We consider that the evidence is not convincing enough to show that any violence was used by the Police.

CANTON BILLIARDS.

The final game in the Masonic Club billiard handicap was played on Monday evening last, in the presence of a large number of members and friends.

The players were C. E. Watson (minus 125) and R. J. Chard (minus 50.)

From the commencement of the game Watson was in excellent form, and played a very consistent game throughout, although when the scores read Watson 125, Chard 120, the latter was not disposed to allow Watson have matters all his own way, until nearing the 200 mark, when the scores read Watson 193, Chard 196. Neatly compiled breaks of 21 and 18 by Watson gave him the advantage, which was responded to by Chard with breaks of 10, (twice) and 16, the scores then reading Watson 243, Chard 241. A lucky six shot followed by a cannon by Watson gave him the victory by the narrow margin of nine points.

At the conclusion of the game, Wor: Bro: C. H. Reid, vice-President of the Club in presenting the prizes, said it gave him great pleasure to perform the duty. He referred to the sportsmanship displayed throughout the handicap by all competitors. Knowing Wor: Bro: Watson as a good and genuine sportsman he congratulated him on his win and had pleasurse in presenting him with the Cup, given by Bro: J. H. Oxberry, of Kowloon,

In asking Bro: Chard to accept the Cup presented by the Club for the runner-up, it gave the speaker further pleasure in performing the duty:

Wor. Bro: Watson responded on behalf of Bro: Chard and himself expressing thanks for the magnificent Cup, which would be given a prominent place among his trophies at Tungshan, and thanked Wor: Bro: Reid for his very kind remarks.

Before members dispersed, a toast was proposed by Bro: Rogers in honour of Bro. A. Martin, Honorary Secretary of the Club, who had that day reached his half century of years *but one*. The toast was cordially responded to.

The European constable, P.C. Lavender, who was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for refusing duty was released to-day and goes home by the "Empress of Russia" to-morrow.

On Christmas Day, Father Christmas is going to pay a visit to the Victoria Theatre, where all good children will get delectable presents. The vestibule has been transformed into fairyland with long rows of presents for little folks. There will be a raffle at one o'clock on Christmas Day, and it is not likely that parents will miss this splendid opportunity of taking their children to the Victoria to participate in the fun. The distribution of presents has always been a feature of Christmas festivities at this Theatre, and this year the presents are more numerous and much superior than these of last year. At 4.30 there will be screened "A Dog's Life," a comic picture without a peer, with that inimitable laughter-maker Charlie Chaplin at the zenith of his fame. At night on that day there will be present that capital picture "Bishop's Emeralds."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Sado Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 22nd Dec., and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kawachi Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 21st Dec., and is expected here on the 28th Dec.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* sailed from Hongkong on the 19th Nov., and arrived at Vancouver on the 10th Dec.

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Latest Advices.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tensho Maru* (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 20th Dec., and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Toyo Maru* No. 2 (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 18th Dec., and is expected here on the 27th Dec.

The C.P.O.S. Co's S.S. *Methven* left Singapore Dec. 19, and is due at Hongkong on Dec 27.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Ecuador* left Shanghai on Dec. 13, for Manila, and may be expected at this Port on or about December 28.

NOTICES.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Christmas Day, December 25.

Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.
Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.
Opening Voluntary; Responses, Festal: Venite, Crotch—As Set; Psalm, Special:—XIX—Monk, LXXXV—Turle, (omitting XLV); Te Deum, St. Jude; Benedictus, Barnby; Kyrie, Mendelssohn. Hymns, 82, 84, 86, 87.
Vesper Hymn.
God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Christmas Day, December 25.

Morning Service, 10.30 a.m.
Christmas. Hymns.
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Friday, December 25.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Peak Church.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6.30 Evening Service.

The Gospel Hall.

10 & 12 PEDDER STREET.
Weekly Services.—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 6 p.m.
Bible study, Tuesday, 5.30 p.m. and Thursday, 8 p.m.
Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m.
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDonnell Road.

Sundays, 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy.

Mass at 6, 7 and 8.30 a.m.
High Mass at 8 a.m.
5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

December 23.

Per s.s. *Van Waerwijk*:—Mr. Stolk, Mr. J. P. Davie, Mr. and Mrs. Hagemeyer, Mr. A. M. C. J. Van Exter, Mrs. W. Franke, Mr. Lamens, Mr. W. J. P. Weusel, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. C. Buysman, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. B. Begensburg, Mr. and Mrs. Lumnies, Mr. Foruguist, Mr. W. F. Longwell, Dr. M. A. de Kock, Mr. W. Joseph, Mr. Kampman, Mr. F. C. Focken, Mr. W. Simmer, and Mr. Ernest Jones.

DEPARTED.

December 24.

Per s.s. "Tango Maru":—Mr. F. G. Swift, Capt. E. W. Latchford, Mr. G. H. Fraser, Mr. A. P. Ames, Mr. D. Poli, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Don, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray, Mr. S. R. Balmer, Mr. E. L. Atkinson, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Kauffeldt, Mr. S. Lack, Mr. Richards, Mr. S. J. Deeks, Mr. H. Thomas, Mr. A. Rattenschweiler, Mr. J. C. Nathan, Miss Burton, Miss Day, Mrs. Clayton, Mr. Farmer, Mr. S. W. Crawford, Mr. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. E. Gabriel, Mr. B. Ornstein, Mr. H. R. Andeas, Mr. S. Sabery, Mr. J. P. Steel, Miss N. Wicks, Miss S. E. MacNomara, Miss Laidraw, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dickins, Mr. D. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lee, Miss Bloomfield, Miss D. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Norbury, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Allum, Messrs. D. Fitzgerald, A. King, J. H. Buckley, J. W. Long, W. T. Christmas, L. A. Wieler, E. L. Crockett, J. C. White, V. Paulsen, Wm. V. C. Kauffeldt, F. McBean, H. P. Huot, and W. C. McCracken.

ARRIVALS.

December 24.

TOYORA MARU, Jap., 1,488 tons, from Moji. Capt. Nakatsu, Carroll Bros, Wharf.

PAKHOI, Brit., 1,227 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. Martin, B. & S., C17.

YINGCHOW, Brit., 1,216 tons, from Shanghai and Swatow, Capt. Simmons, B. & S., C15.

KWEILIN, Brit., 1,073 tons, from Wuhu, Capt. Dowell, B. & S., C36.

CLEARANCES.

December 24.

BOURBON, French, 11 a.m., for Honkay, Thai Thuan Co.

KANJU MARU, Jap., 6 a.m., for Takao, Yaeyamaisanko.

TANGO MARU, Jap., 11 a.m., for Melbourne via Manila, N.Y.K.

IDOMINI, Brit., 4 p.m., for London via Singapore, P. & O.

POST OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Thursday, the 25th and Friday, the 26th December from 8 a.m. to noon and on Saturday the 27th from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 9 a.m. on the 25th, 26th and 27th Dec.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

The District Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. with the exception of Kowloon Office which will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

There will be one delivery from all District Offices at noon.

The s.s. "Nam Kam" caught fire on the 15th instant on her way from Hoihow to Pakhoi and Haiphong. This vessel left Hongkong on the 13th instant and took 10 bags and 2 baskets of mail for Pakhoi and 40 bags and 1 basket of mail for Haiphong. Of these mails 23 bags and 2 baskets were lost in the fire.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China will come into operation on and after the 1st January, 1920.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands will be resumed on the 1st Jan., 1920.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless Telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammorah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, December 25.
Shanghai—Per SADO MARU.
Japan—Per TENSHO MARU.
FRIDAY, December 26.
Shanghai—Per HUICHOW.
SATURDAY, December 27.
Europe (via Negapatan)—Per METHVEN.
Straits—Per TOYO MARU.
SUNDAY, December 28.
Japan—Per KAWACHI MARU.
MONDAY, December 29.
U.S.A., Canada and Shanghai—Per MONTEAGLE.
Bombay—Per TENSHIN MARU.
TUESDAY, December 30.
Straits—Per SANGOLA.
WEDNESDAY, December 31.
Straits—Per KEISHIN MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, December 25.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per NILE. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letter 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B. C.—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Macao Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, December 26.
Macao—Per SUI AN, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong—Per YUNNAN, 10 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per SADO MARU. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 11 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong—Per TAKSANG, Noon.
Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per ARRATOON APCAR, Noon.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, December 27.
Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China—Per KWONGSANG, 9 a.m.
Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 9 a.m.
Straits and Bangkok—Per FOOSHING, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 9 a.m.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 1.30 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 28.
Macao—Per SUI AN, 8.30 a.m.
Japan via Moji and Seattle—Per MALAY MARU, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO MARU, 9 a.m.
MONDAY, December 29.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per KUKICHOW, 8 a.m.
TUESDAY, December 30.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per KAMO MARU, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per HUICHOW, 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 2 p.m.
THURSDAY, January 1.
Shanghai and North China—Per ICHANG, 11 a.m.
FRIDAY, January 2.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAICHING, Noon.

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DUMPING A DEAD BODY.

CHINESE WOMAN FINED $15.

Charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with dumping the dead body of a child, a Chinese woman pleaded that she did not know the regulations, she having arrived in the Colony only about three months ago.

Chinese Police Sergeant C149 said that at about 5.30 p.m., on the 22nd inst., he was off duty and was taking a stroll in plain clothes in a blind lane off Spring Garden Lane when he saw the defendant leave a bundle at the door step of a house, and then turn to go away. He stopped her and asked her what was contained in the bundle and she said: "A dead child." Witness opened the bundle and saw the dead body.

By his Worship: The body was wrapped up in some rags and stuffed into a matting bag. Witness was walking into the lane when he saw the woman, who was walking in the direction of the entrance, put down the bundle.

Continuing, witness said he put the woman under arrest and made her carry the bundle to No. 2 Police Station. She told witness that the child was hers and as she had no money to pay the funeral expenses, she dumped it.

The woman said her husband was a seaman. On the 22nd inst., her child took ill and a Portuguese lady advised her to take it to the hospital to receive free treatment. She did so, but the doctor after examining the child told her that it could not be cured and advised her to take it home. On the way the child died and she sat on the roadside weeping when a scavenger told her to get into the lane where there would be no one to see her. She obeyed and went into the lane. The scavenger then advised her to report the matter at the Public Dispensary. Just then the Sergeant came up and told her he would accompany her to the dispensary. He informed her that she would not have to pay anything for the funeral expenses. She followed him, but instead of taking her to the dispensary, he took her to the station where he charged her with dumping the dead body.

Replying to his Worship, Inspector Kent said that when the woman was charged, she told him she had no money to bury the child. He had no cause to doubt the Sergeant's story of what occurred.

Asked by his Worship to explain how she got the matting bag, the woman said it was thrown into the road from the verandah of one of the houses and she put the dead child into it. She did not intend to dump the child. She left it on the door step with the intention of going back home to take an extra piece of clothing as she was feeling cold, and then return and take the dead body to the dispensary. She did not know that it was against the regulations to leave a dead body in the road unattended.

Inspector Kent said notices in Chinese have been posted up broadcast by the Sanitary Board advising the people to send all dead bodies to the dispensary.

Addressing the woman, his Worship said it was a serious offence to dump dead bodies in the streets. The reason why people are notified to send the dead bodies of children to the dispensary was because the Government want to know what the child died of. If the child happened to have died of a contagious disease and it was left in the street, other people are liable to be affected. He imposed a fine of $15 or 14 days' hard labour.

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